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FROM : C

INFO: Chief C

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Albania/Liaison

SPECIFIC— VALUABLE Liaison, 1 March - 30 April 1955

REF: C 14427, 8 March 1955

Action Requested: None; for information and files.

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Synopsis:

1. Only three meetings during this two month period.
2. C 1 left 30 March for trip to London via Rome; expects to return early May.
3. C 1 has arranged with WCC to transfer AIQUAD and AILAKE to Austria; awaiting Austrian visas.
- ✓ 4. VALUABLE plans one air drop in north central Albania in May and a short term cross border mission in South West area near Gjinokaster in June.
5. Identity 1 acting for C 1 during his absence.

Account of Developments:

1. During the two month period covered by this report only three meetings were held with VALUABLE representatives. In addition to the relatively little business which we presently have to conduct with VALUABLE in Athens, C 1 was confined to his home with flu for two weeks during March and left Athens for a trip to London about ~~25 March~~ ^{30 March} from which he has not yet returned.

March 3, 1955 Meeting:

2. At a brief meeting on 3 March 1955, C 1, advised that he had approached WCC to arrange transportation to Austria for AIQUAD and AILAKE. He was quite optimistic about this possibility. We informed him that their USEP eligibility for resettlement help would not be affected by their transfer. He promised to keep us informed on their status and we agreed to keep alive our request for an airlift by KUBARK plane at some future time when a flight could be arranged via Austria.

3. We received one report from C 1, on Sigurimi locations (See SGA 3047 of 21 April 1955) and passed him the first two Bimbli reports, the initial interrogation and the report on Zeri i Popullit; copies of the leaflets used in the 27-28 January 1955 raid including the January OBKEEK; and HUGRUBBY scripts for January.

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4. Shortly after this meeting, [] called to ask if he could interrogate Bimbli. We replied that upon completion of our interrogation he would be returned to [] office and suggested [] make his own arrangements with []. He agreed readily and we promised to alert him when we had finished with Bimbli.

March 29, 1955 Meeting:

5. This meeting was at [] invitation for a farewell drink to [] at noon on 29 March at the Grand Bretagne Hotel. Most of the session was devoted to social discussions and [] views on post-Communist Albania. The latter were significant principally for his strong conviction that Zog would not be tolerated by the Albanian people in a liberated government and that some sort of trusteeship would have to be established until new leaders could be developed; none of the present emigres appear as too likely prospects. *We have never seen him*

6. A brief discussion of VALUABLE operational plans disclosed their tentative program for:

- a. A team body drop in the North Central area during May.
- b. A short term cross border infiltration in South West area between Ioannina and Gjinokaster in late June.

We indicated that no area conflict appeared to exist in connection with our own planned operations and that we would appreciate receiving more specific timing on the air drop in order to avoid any conflict in our leaflet raids.

7. [] stated he was leaving 30 March for a trip to London via Rome. In London he will participate in training of the air drop team. He planned to be gone about one month, during which he expected to discuss informally VALUABLE/OBLIVIOUS matters with [] and [].

8. He had had one meeting with Bimbli and was planning two more sessions prior to his departure. He had no further word on AIQUAD and AILAKE.

April 27, 1955 Meeting:

9. [] requested this meeting with Identity 1, [] superior, who is acting for him on Albanian affairs during the latter's absence. We wished to learn if there were any developments on the transfer of AIQUAD and AILAKE to Austria. Identity 1 was not familiar with the case beyond some notes left by [] but promised to check with WCC.

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10. At this meeting we passed the HTGRUBBY scripts for February and March; the leaflets used on the 7 April 1955 raid; and Bimbli's report on the Albanian Worker's Party. We also asked for a copy of the BBC Broadcast of 12 April 1955 regarding Albanian territorial integrity, which caused such a stir in the Greek press (see SGAA 15386 of 15 May 1955). Identity 1 said he had not received a copy but would provide one for us when and if he did.

11. Identity 1 advised that the proposed body drop for May had been indefinitely postponed and that [] date of return to Athens had been moved ahead to late May or early June.

General Comments:

12. During April we received another 8500 lbs of VALUABLE articles for our drop program. There remain about 5000 lbs of articles in London awaiting pick up and air lift to Athens.

13. We have learned from USEP in Athens that WCC has procured travel documents for AIQUAD and AILAKE and their movement now awaits only the Austrian Foreign Office approval for issuance here of an Austrian visa. USEP in Athens has advised USEP in Austria to continue their eligibility for resettlement and to handle their cases on a priority basis. AIQUAD has received notice that he has a sponsor for entry into the United States under the Refugee Relief Program. This will also be transferred to Austria when they are moved. VALUABLE will learn of this when they check with WCC.

14. Identity 1 has been in Athens since late fall 1954 and appears to be a very able officer with considerable experience in denied area penetration efforts. He is quite pleasant to work with and [] has enjoyed knowing him socially. He is quick to admit, however, that he is not too familiar with Albania, Albanian operational activity, HTNEIGH and our Psych program; he has relied almost entirely on [] in these affairs. This was evidenced by his constant reference to a page of longhand notes which [] had left with him whenever [] asked specific questions about our joint interests.

Attachment:
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Distribution:

- 3 - Wash w/att in trip as stated
- 2 - [] w/att in dupl as stated
- 1 - Vital Documents w/att as stated
- 1 - Chrono w/att
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- 2 - OBOPUS w/att in dupl (1 ret)

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